

# SILVERWINGS





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## Weather

 <b>Today</b> High: 87, Low: 64 Partly Cloudy	 <b>Saturday</b> High: 85, Low: 65 Isolated T-storms
 <b>Sunday</b> High: 87, Low: 65 Scattered T-storms	 <b>Monday</b> High: 85, Low: 65 Scattered T-storms

## News Briefs

### Class 09-14 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-14 will hold their graduation ceremony today at 10 p.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

### OSC Social

The Officers Spouses Club Social will be held at the Columbus Club on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

### The Blaze Race

“The BLAZE Race” 5K/10K flight line run will be Sept. 12. The start/finish line is at the Columbus AFB Fitness Center for either distance, \$20 if registered by August 28, \$25 up until the start of the race. Size guaranteed only if registered by Aug 28. Runners may register at the CAFB Fitness Center, any Columbus YMCA, the MUW Fitness Center, the Fitness Factor or online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or [www.cafbsservices.com](http://www.cafbsservices.com) under the Fitness page. All runners welcome to attend including the civilian community. Strollers are welcome but no dogs please. For all questions call the CAFB Fitness Center at 434-2772.

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### Feature 9

SUPT Class 09-14 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

Chaplain (Capt.) William Logan, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel, offers words of wisdom and reassurance to the friends and family of Airman 1st Class Mark Wheeler, and members of his unit, the 14th Security Forces Squadron at a memorial service Sept. 2. At the request of Airman Wheeler's family, the service was only open to close friends, family and members of Airman Wheeler's unit.

## CAFB personnel mourn loss of Airman

**Senior Airman Jacob Corbin**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Friends, family and members of a BLAZE Team member's unit mourned the loss of an Airman at a memorial service in his honor Sept. 2.

Airman 1st Class Mark Wheeler, a patrolman assigned to the 14th Security

Forces Squadron, was killed August 24 in a traffic accident outside Columbus Air Force Base.

At a ceremony Sept. 2, men and women that knew Airman Wheeler were given the chance to speak about the Airman they all will miss. At the request of Airman Wheeler's family, the service was only open to close friends, family and members of Airman Wheeler's unit.

“Mark was one of the brightest and most promising Airmen I've ever served with,” said Staff Sgt. Brad Noble, 14th SFS. “You could always count on him to complete the mission.”

Sergeant Noble said even though Airman Wheeler had only been performing his duties for a few months, you would never know that by observing him.

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-09)	-1.56 days	-4.13 days	Oct. 21	48th (09-14)	0.00 days	1.11 days	Sept. 4	49th (09-KB)	3.97 days	3.73 days	Sept. 14	T-6	276	267	29,784
41st (10-08)	3.33 days	0.04 days	Sept. 25	50th (09-14)	0.22 days	1.30 days	Sept. 4					T-1	98	86	11,155
												T-38	96	92	8,341
												IFF	30	17	2,717

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur II, mobilization assistant to the Commander, HQ AETC, Randolph AFB, Texas.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 09-14 earns silver wings



**1st Lt. Todd Early**  
Vacaville, Calif.  
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



**1st Lt. Samir Abrol**  
Ghaziabad, India  
BAE Hawk, Bidar Air Base, India



**1st Lt. Lawson Cass**  
Bryn Athyn, Penn.  
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Twenty-six officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

Maj. Gen. Jack W. Ramsaur II is the mobilization assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He has previously been assigned as mobilization assistant to the Commander, 19th Air Force; to the Director, Global Operations, U.S. Strategic Command; and to the USSTRATCOM Commander. In his civilian occupation, he is a pilot with a major commercial parcel service.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. Lawson Cass, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Nicholas Silva, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. David Bervig, T-38, and 2nd Lt. James Kennedy, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Cass and Silva, and 1st Lt. Joshua Hughes T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of Class 09-14.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and

landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

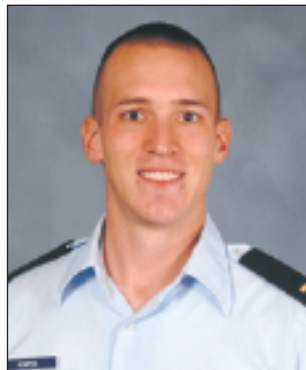
The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. Class 09-13's pilot partners are Mr. Chuck Bigelow, Bigelow Services LLC, and Mr. Carl Nuzzo, Accessible Aviation.



**1st Lt. Brandon Kelly**  
Wheeling, W.Va.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**1st Lt. Benjamin Kempen**  
Green Bay, Wis.  
F-15C, Klamath Falls ANGB, Ore.



**1st Lt. Robert Long**  
Sabillasville, Md.  
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



**1st Lt. Justin McCabe**  
Sacramento, Calif.  
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**1st Lt. Aaron Timmermann**  
Midland, Texas  
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



**1st Lt. John Waters**  
Peachtree City, Ga.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**1st Lt. Zachary Zorn**  
Buena Vista, Colo.  
UAS, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**2nd Lt. David Bervig**  
Alamosa, Colo.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Jeffrey Blaufuss**  
Fresno, Calif.  
F-16, Fresno ANGB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Brown**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
C-130H, Rosecrans, ANGB, Mo.



**2nd Lt. James Cartica**  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
C-5, Stewart ANGB, N.Y.



**2nd Lt. Erik Christensen**  
Kaysville, Utah  
C-130H, Reno AGNB, Nev.



**2nd Lt. James Kennedy**  
Beeville, Texas  
C-130H, Rosecrans ANGB, Mo.



**2nd Lt. Nicholas Silva**  
Redding, Calif.  
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. David Stapp**  
Norco, Calif.  
C-130J, Keesler AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Paul Viscuglia**  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**1st Lt. Joshua Hughes**  
Glen Allen, Va.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**1st Lt. Hiroki Irino**  
Nagasaki, Japan  
F-2/F-15, Matsushima AB, Japan



**1st Lt. Sakuruwo Ishikawa**  
Kanagawa, Japan  
F-2/F-15, Hamamatsu AB, Japan



**1st Lt. Patrick Picard**  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**1st Lt. Lanie Scott**  
Newnan, Ga.  
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



**1st Lt. Joel Seipel**  
Eau Galle, Wis.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**1st Lt. Ryota Takemura**  
Miyazaki, Japan  
F-2/F-15, Nyutabaru AB, Japan

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Bowling Center Daily Specials

Monday – chicken marinara sandwich with choice of fries and medium drink - \$6; Tuesday – 2 dozen popcorn shrimp, choice of fries and medium drink for \$5.25; Wednesday – 4 chicken tenders smothered with cheese and gravy with a side of green beans and medium drink for \$5.25; Thursday – popcorn chicken, choice of fries and medium drink for \$5.25; Friday – pulled pork sandwich with red slaw, baked beans or fries and medium drink for \$5.75. Call 434-3526 to place an order to go.

## Holiday hours

The following activities will be open Sept. 7 – the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk. All other activities are closed. The auto hobby shop and wood shop are also closed Saturday, Sept. 5 and the library is closed on Sunday, Sept. 6.

## Parents Night Out

The youth center offers this program from 5-11 p.m. Sept. 18 during the Air Force Ball. Cost is \$4 per hour and includes free food and cosmic bowling at the bowling center. A \$5 deposit is required to hold your slot. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

## Harley Bowling League

Starting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. and meeting every Monday for 8 weeks. Cost is \$20 per week and includes three games of bowling and you will receive your choice of a Harley Bowling Ball or a Harley Bowling Pin. If you want to purchase these items, the ball is \$160 and the bowling pin is \$85. You can also purchase a matching bowling bag for \$40 for the men's bag and \$25 for the women's bag. For more information, call Strike Zone Lanes at 434-3426.

## New Orleans Football Trips

The ITT office offers a trip Oct. 17-18 to New Orleans for the Saints vs Giants game at noon Oct. 18. Price is \$160 per person and includes transportation, double occupancy at the Crown Plaza Hotel, game ticket and shuttle from the hotel to the game. The next game is Dec. 19-20 with the Saints versus Cowboys. The prices are the same. Limited seats are available. For more information, call 434-7858.

## Casino tour

The next trip to Philadelphia, Miss to the Silver Star and Golden Moon Casinos is Sept. 4. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in game tokens. For more information, call 434-7858.

## Disney World Trip

The ITT offers a last chance Disney Military Salute Tour to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Dec. 19-23. Stay at the newly remodeled La Quinta Inn

on International Drive. Cost for a family of four is \$995 for one active or retired ID card holder as one of the four. The price includes transportation, hotel which includes complimentary breakfast, Disney tickets for the entire stay, and shuttle service in our bus. Must have 20 people registered to offer this trip. A \$100 deposit is required per person and will be nonrefundable after Nov. 23. For more information, call 434-2505.

## Whispering Pines Lunch time Burrito Bar

The burrito bar during lunch at the golf course will continue to offer this service Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Build your burrito or salad for just \$6.50 per person and includes your burrito or salad with chips, salsa and medium drink. Other menu items include hoagie sandwiches and hot dogs. For more information, call 434-7932.

## Gourmet night

The Columbus Club is offering a gourmet night at 6 p.m. Sept. 12. This five course, five star meal will be prepared by Chef Carla of the Columbus Club. Menu items include assorted canapés, spring greens with sun-ripened tomatoes topped with crab cakes drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette, watermelon granite, filet mignon stuffed with sautéed spinach and provolone cheese in a port wine mustard sauce and chocolate treasures in a pool of ganache. Cost is \$45 per person for club members and \$50 for nonmembers. Reservations are required by Sept. 9. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids

Come enjoy games, food, demos and win some prizes from 3:30 to 5:30 .m. Sept. 18 at the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play

Come enjoy track and field events from 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Babysitting Course

The youth center offers this course from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 12 for ages 11 to 18. Register by Aug. 26. For more information, call Lisa at 434-2504.

## Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

The youth center is hosting this worth cause from Sept. 14 to Oct. 16. Drop off your canned foods at the youth center. For more information, call Terry at 434-2504.

## Full day care available for city school children

The Youth Center's school age program offers full

care Sept. 28. Limited slots are available. For more information, call Terry at 434-2504.

## Youth fall soccer registration

Register from Aug 31 to Sept. 25 for the fall soccer program for ages 3 to 18. Cost is \$35 per play for ages 5 to 18 and \$25 per play for ages 3-4. Coaches are needed. For more information, call Brittany at 434-2504.

## Biker Night

The bowling center offers a free cheeseburger from 5 to 9 p.m. every Monday night during the months of September and October. Bring in your helmet and receive one free burger. For more information, call 434-3577.

## Jimmy Buffett Night

The bowling center offers this celebration of Jimmy Buffett's music with \$1 beverages and \$1 cheeseburgers starting at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17. For more information, call 434-3577.

## Winter bowling leagues

Winter bowling leagues start soon, sign up now – leagues available for the Thursday night intramural league, the Tuesday night mixed league and the youth league on Saturday mornings. If you would like to start a league, contact the bowling center for more information. Call 434-3577.

## Grandparents Day

The bowling center is offering two free games of bowling and free shoe rental for grandparents all day Sept. 13. For more information, call 434-3577.

## Veterinary Clinic new hours of operation

Effective September 1, the new hours of the Vet Clinic will be open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Clinics will be twice a month, please call for appointments. September clinics are Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 15-16. For more information, call 434-2281.

## Commanders Cup Championship

Here's your chance to challenge your rival squadron to a competition on the golf course. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees for this four person, 18-hole scramble Sept. 25. A commander, vice commander or first sergeant should be a part of each team. There is not limit on the number of teams that a squadron may enter; however, the field is limited to the first 18 teams entered. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Register by noon sept. 24. For more information, call 434-7932.

## Canoe and camping trip

Sept. 25-26 - \$30 per person – includes campfire dinner and breakfast, canoe and transportation.

Depart at 9 a.m. Saturday and return at 2 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 15 registered by Sept. 10. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Youth and Adult crafts classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth classes are \$5 each. Take Home Crafts kits are \$3 each. A display of the upcoming projects are in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 434-7836.

## Cruise in 2010

The information ticket and tour office has a great seven-day Halloween cruise special out of Mobile, Ala. Oct. 30, 2010. Visit the Grand Caymen Islands, Montego Bay and Cozumel on this cruise. Cost is \$875.70 for two people and that includes a \$100 shipboard credit. Cost for three people in a room is \$1123.54 and four people in a room is \$1371.38. These are inside-cabin rates. Outside cabin rates will be slightly higher. A \$25 deposit is required by Oct. 1 and \$250 is due by May 1 with final payment due Aug. 1, 2010. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. For more information, call 434-2505 or 7861.

## Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshman in high school. For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

## Parents time out

The child development center offers a parents time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at 434-2479.

## Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

# On Improvement

By Lt. Col. Steve Ankerstar  
50th Flying Training Squadron

improvement n. – The act or process of advancing something to a better quality or state

Today marks another day where we send a whole class of fledgling young officer aviators out into the world to make a difference. For those graduates from my squadron, I have challenged them to make a difference in their assignments by looking to improve upon what they find.

Improvement is change for the better. Each organization needs to continue to improve, thereby making change necessary. I believe that change occurs either directly (through one's direct span of control) or indirectly (through one's span of influence). However, one's ability to effect change is often limited due to the nature of the change. In these cases, I believe that we must trust our leadership to make the right decisions. In other words, it's "above our pay scale" which is the truly the case a lot of the time. This article highlights how you can improve your ability to improve your organization.

Span of Control: This is the direct ability to change the things that are within your authority to change. With each new organization I am in, I look for opportunities to make quick

improvements to processes within my direct control. I personally value four things in running an organization—time, efficiency, structure, and simplicity—and I immediately make changes that improve any of these with little "buy-in" from the organization. However, I make potential "hot topic" changes slowly over time to build the buy-in that I will definitely need to make the change permanent. Our young graduates from today may not have a lot of span of control upon showing up at a new unit (outside of alphabetizing the candy bars in the snack bar or devising a new jalapeño popcorn recipe—traditional rites of passage), but they can certainly make a huge impact through their span of influence.

Span of Influence: This is the ability to bring about change through influence in an organization. Influence knows no rank or job title. Influence is based solely on innovative ideas and the willingness to express and pursue these ideas. In every organization that I have been in, there are the appointed leaders as well as influential informal leaders and it is some combination of the two that actually run the place. There has never been a monopoly on good ideas, so as a fresh set of eyes on any organization, look for ways to improve your organization and advocate your ideas to leadership. The downside of experience is often rigidity, so champion your fresh ideas and try your best

to make a difference. If you get shot down, then look for a different improvement idea to pursue.

Trust in Leadership: For our young graduates, I ask that at the end of the day, you trust your leadership. If you can't change something directly or indirectly, then focus your mind and energy on things you can change. All of us have to trust that our leaders know what they're doing even if we disagree or can't comprehend why we are changing something. An improvement initiative can be carried too far to where it becomes a detriment and, if accompanied by cynicism, can turn cancerous to an organization. I ask that when you face these hurdles, redirect your energy and focus on something else. If you need a "coping mechanism" to deal with your frustration, then I offer one of my favorite quotes, which is "It is what it is." It doesn't actually mean anything, but just saying it may provide some closure to help ward off frustration and redirect energy to a new initiative.

In conclusion, I congratulate and thank the new graduates for the ideas they have expressed in my organization during the last six months to make the 50th Flying Training Squadron a better place. Your operations units anxiously await your arrival to benefit from your ideas like I have. Now go forth and make a difference!

# Lorenz on Leadership - Technological change

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz  
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — I am a digital immigrant. You see, in the summer of 1972, as a senior at the Air Force Academy, I spent \$125 on a small "personal computer." At roughly \$650 in today's dollars, the small unit was able to do four things: add, subtract, multiply and divide. It was a cutting edge ... calculator. Although we were only permitted to use it while checking our work, it was, essentially, my introduction to the world of computing.

Today, we cannot accomplish our mission without technology and computing. Unlike me, those entering the Air Force today are digital natives. These natives don't remember a time when green military ID cards rarely left your wallet, the Military Personnel Flight wasn't "virtual" and black berries were just a seasonal fruit. This got me wondering. Has our leadership style adapted to take full advantage of the technology through the years? Has technology improved a leader's ability to make a difference?

Let's start by looking at how technology has changed the workplace. Beyond the most noticeable and tangible aspects, like e-mail, PowerPoint and cell phones, I contend that

technology has transformed the workplace in three main areas: collaboration, automation and personal accessibility.

Collaboration includes our ability to network, collect and share information. Getting the right information to the right people when they need it isn't always as easy as it sounds. After all, accurate information is a key element in making objective decisions and objectivity is what keeps our organizations headed in the best direction. Today's challenge, however, is managing the sheer volume of available information. Technological advancements will only make this challenge greater in years to come. By automation, I'm talking about technology's impact on the tasks we do each and every day. Historically, automation has been one of the enablers for doing "more with less." Our most expensive asset is our people. Technology gives us the ability to energize certain efficiencies by replacing manpower with technology. Maintaining the balance of technology and manpower will only continue to be a daily leadership challenge.

Lastly, accessibility applies to our ability to contact anyone, anywhere, anytime through voice and data communication. There are two key aspects of accessibility: how a leader makes themselves available to others and how you, as a leader, take advantage of the availability of others. It is important that commanders, while making themselves available at all hours of the day, don't foster an environment where subordinates are afraid to get decisions from anywhere but the top. At the same time, leaders must guard against exploiting the availability of others, especially subordinates. Such exploitation will only reinforce to subordinates that decisions can only come from the top.

Accessibility has also changed how we make ourselves available to others. Many commanders like to say that they have an "open door policy." Don't fool yourself into thinking that issues will always walk through the open door. Leaders still need to escape the electronic accessibility, namely e-mail, and seek human interaction. A new Airman in the squadron isn't going to raise a concern by walking into a commander's office, but might if the commander is able to interact in their work environment. Leadership by walking around will always be a positive leadership principle.

I like to think that there are three kinds of people when dealing with technology: pessimists, optimists and realists. The technology pessimists are those people who resist any change due to improved technologies. Technology optimists jump at the earliest opportunity to implement any technological advancement. The last category, the technology realist,

makes up the lion share of us all. The realist accepts that change is necessary and works to integrate improvements, but doesn't continually search for and implement emerging technology.

Our organizations need all three technology types in order to run smoothly. It is incumbent upon each of us to understand what kind of technologist we, and those whom we work around, are. This is simply another medium where one size won't fit all. The leader must adapt their style depending on who they deal with and the nature of the task to be performed. The pessimist might not "hear" the things communicated electronically. By the same token, resist the temptation to send all correspondence electronically to the optimist, even though their response might be back within seconds. Always push for the personal touch and realize that your approach will be different for each person.

In essence, leadership is the challenge of inspiring the people in an organization on a goal-oriented journey. Technology enables that journey and we, as leaders, must successfully manage both the benefits and detriments of that evolution. Ultimately, the leader is still responsible for themselves, their people and the results of their units. It's how they can make a difference in both the lives of their people and in the unit's mission. It's one thing technology will never change.

## Strike Eagles surpass 8,000 combat hours, support unique missions

**Capt. David Faggard**

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Airmen from the 336th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron achieved a milestone here when they surpassed 8,000 combat hours in the F-15E Strike Eagle while providing security to coalition forces.

The aircrew for the mission included Capt. Jaina Donberg, the F-15E pilot and a native of Arlington, Va., and Capt. Nick Foster, an F-15E weapons system officer and a native of Martinsburg, W.V. Launching the mission was F-15E crew chief, Senior Airman John Yates, a native of Pawtucket, Rhode Island and a six-year-veteran of the F-15 C and E family.

The crews provided security for a helicopter re-supply point that night and even coordinated communications between the helicopters and coalition forces on the ground due the area's harsh terrain, according to Captain Foster.

"This re-supply was important because the only way to re-supply was via air because

the roads were too hostile and rugged to move a convoy," he said.

"Everything went smooth," said Airman Yates, who is just three years older than this airplane. He said he just wanted to launch the mission and help save lives. "We try to give (the aircrew) a jet they don't have to worry about; they need to focus on the mission and save the lives of our people on the ground."

"This really is (the Maintenance Squadron's) record," said Captain Foster. "They have done an outstanding job producing the jets for us in a less than ideal environment. All the credit is due to them for the great work... (which) allows us to support the ground commander and perform our mission. For every hour flown there are countless hours of work done by our maintainers to get the jets back in the air."

Other F-15E missions here include anything from providing close-air support for coalition forces on the ground in contact with the enemy to supporting the recent Afghan elections on Aug. 20.

The 336th EFS is deployed from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Felicia Juenke

Senior Airman Matthew Jones (front seat) and Staff Sgt. Robert Burton (rear seat) sit in an F-15E Strike Eagle at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, during an inspection to check that the flight controls are working properly. During the test, they stay in constant communication with Senior Airman Daniel Scerri (on the ground). All three Airmen are from the 336th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and are deployed from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

## Launch of civilian marketing campaign pivotal in filling Air Force jobs

**Maj. Beth Kelley Horine**

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Over the next five years, Air Force officials plan to hire 20,000 more civilians into civil service. To help bases better market civilian job openings and recruit qualified applicants for current and future jobs, Air Force Personnel Center specialists will roll out the "Your Future" marketing and recruiting campaign in September.

"The overall strategy of the 'Your Future' campaign is to help market and brand the Air Force as a premier civilian employer," said Shirlene LeBleu, AFPC's Civilian Force Integration Directorate's Force Renewal and Development division chief. "The initiative, once released Air Force-wide, will help fill civilian vacancies more quickly by targeting qualified, local candidates, as well as increase employment opportunities for military dependents."

The campaign, which was piloted in March at 14 Air Force bases, provides marketing and recruitment tools to civilian personnel offices and installation managers to target military spouses and external candidates.

"The purpose of the pilot was to get feedback on the marketing toolkit and adjust, if necessary, for the Air Force wide roll-out this fall," said Pat Stokes, a marketing specialist in AFPC's Civilian Force Integration directorate. "This campaign was developed to ensure the bases have the tools they need to reach the right people, and the feedback from our test bases was



U.S. Air Force graphic

**Air Force officials plan to launch a campaign in September to help base personnel specialists market civilian job openings. Known as "Your Future," the program will provide them with tools to better publicize job openings.**

monumental. On average, (there was) a 25 percent increase of civilian applicants across all the pilot bases."

Overseas bases using the marketing toolkit drew an even higher increase in civilian applicants.

"In the first half of the campaign, Spangdahlem (Air Base, Germany) had a 58 percent increase in telephone calls about

civilian jobs and a 200 percent increase in walk-ins to their civilian personnel office," Ms. Stokes said. "Even at Fairchild (Air Force Base, Wash.), a base (here in the U.S.), they had a 44 percent increase in telephone calls, walk-ins and emails about civilian job openings during the campaign."

The toolkit, which was briefed via webcast to civilian personnel flights on Aug. 4, is now available for all installation managers to help them notify their local community of jobs available. However, base officials can choose when they want to launch their marketing campaign, as necessary.

Items in the marketing toolkit include base exchange radio spots, public service announcements for local radio and television stations, videos and briefings to take to chambers of commerce and to use during commanders' calls, flyers, brochures and a comprehensive marketing guide.

"The guide also includes templates for posters, stickers and letters bases can tailor to fit their needs," Ms. Stokes added.

Ultimately, the marketing guide helps local base officials identify who to contact to help with recruiting efforts, and includes a step-by-step process on how to use the tools in the toolkit, the tools themselves, and newcomer information to share with Airmen and Family Readiness Centers.

For individuals interested in civilian employment with the Air Force, visit the new Air Force civilian employment Web site, which will be fully operational in September: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afcivilianjobs>.

Base News

Columbus Officers’ Spouses Fashion Show

The next Columbus Officer's Spouses Club (COOSC) Social Function will be a “Tea Party—Fashion Show” on September 22, 6:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club. RSVP is required. Please look for more details in next week's Silverwings or visit our website [www.ColumbusOSC.com](http://www.ColumbusOSC.com).

Commissary

The Commissary is having its World Wide Case Lot Sale on September 11-12, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 a.m., and will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 8 for Labor Day.

Airmens Activity Club

The Airman's Activity Council is having a meeting on September 10 at 4 p.m. in the Services Complex Bldg. All Airmen grades E-1 through E-4 are encouraged to attend.

Pioneer Club

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the children's program Pioneer Club. The program will be held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7:30p.m. This program is open to children ages three years thru seventh grade. This is an ecumenical religious program geared to teach children about Christ in every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be served each week at 5 p.m. parents must join their children at dinner.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Beginning August 19 the CAFB Chapel will be holding a variety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Please call the Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

Columbus Idol II

The Columbus Idol II event is right around the corner! If you've been wondering who these courageous and outstanding performers are that will be battling for the grand prize of \$300, here they are! These are your 2009 Columbus Idol II Performers: Christina Godlewski, Becca Hepner-Liston, Tracy Tate, Becky Rigdon-Ousley, Janel Hamilton, Jesse Wilhelm, Natasha Sykes, Aundre Lawrence, Heather Hildrich, Kareema Palmer, Julietle Zuber, Lillie Ivy, KeUndra Gibson, Kendrick Johnson, Justin Simms, and Benjamin Mitchell. The Columbus Idol event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Mark your calendars! Who will be the next Columbus Idol! POC for this event is Staff Sgt. Mia Hall at 434-3190.

Donate dresses

This program is collecting prom dresses/ball-gowns/formal gowns to give to girls in the area who are unable to afford a beautiful dress. Donations can be dropped off to her in person at the Rob Naugher State Farm Office on Hwy 45.

Refresher

Time to get together with the girls for fun and fellowship at the CAFB Chapel! Join us once a month for a different kind of ladies ministry. We start at 6 p.m.

September 24 - It's a Back to School Theme with games galore, bring your own sack lunch and favorite board game, we'll provide the drinks and dessert.

October 22 - We'll watch Hope Floats, bring a favorite stew or soup, and for dessert we'll have Coke floats. A short Bible Study relating to the movie will end the evening.

November 12 - Time to dust off the cook books and cook up your favorite holiday recipe, don't forget to bring a few copies of the recipe to share. We'll fellowship, swap recipes and stories.

Library Story Time

The base library will hold Story Time on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic offers gently used items donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen. It is located in the Services Complex (bldg 520) directly across the street from the post office/BITS building. Please come visit us on the following days and times:

Tuesdays	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursdays	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First and third Saturday's of each month	10 a.m. to noon

The Airmen's attic is always in need of quality used items to include: kitchenware, clothing free of stains and tears, gently used toys, baby items and linens in good condition. If you have large appliances/furniture items to donate, please contact the Airmen's Attic or your first sergeant to get the item directly to an airmen in need. Please drop off all other items during business hours or contact your first sergeant to set up a scheduled drop-off time. Donations are NOT ALLOWED to be left curb side.

Saint Leo U. Military Spouse Discount

Military spouses seeking a degree at Saint Leo U. can enroll in two classes and take a third class for FREE. Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or stop by the Saint Leo U. office in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120.

AETC Civilian Tuition Assistance is still available for FY09

To be eligible for Civ TA, the civilian employee must be an appropriated fund, permanent AETC employee or in a term position with more than one year before the “not to exceed” date. Temporary employees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. AETC civilians can use up to \$4500 per fiscal year. Civilians are restricted to ONE course per TERM, and the per semester hour tuition cap is \$250. Courses must be Air Force mission-related. Call the Education Center at 434-2562/2563 or send an email to [edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil](mailto:edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil) for more information.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place “free” telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

DRMO as a source of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call the Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

Zero overpricing program-incentive awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative

Development Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Military Personnel

CAC/PKI Restriction of AF Knowledge Now (AFKN).

Effective Sept. 1, the AF Portal will CAC/PKI restrict access to AFKN. This affects off-base access from home or while TDY and particularly regular off-base users (National Guard, Reservists, and DoD contractors). This means you will require either a CAC with reader or an External Certificate Authority (ECA) software certificate to access AFKN via the AF Portal (.com access). There is no change to .mil access to AFKN—CAC/PKI enabled since March 2007. Please ensure widest dissemination.

The AFKN and AF Portal are committed to supporting the Warfighter and to meeting USAF and DoD PKI/PKE mandates. There are many benefits with CAC/PKI enablement.

- Members receive secure worldwide access to information and applications, greater information confidence, peace of mind with regard to the security of their account identity, and fewer usernames/passwords to maintain and remember.
- The Air Force benefits from easier user/account administration by leveraging the CAC/PKI as the method of self-registration/maintenance. More importantly, the AF enterprise achieves a greater Information Assurance posture reducing the overall risk to data, networks, and mission systems.

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Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)  
*All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month*

Catholic

Thursday:  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice  
Sunday:  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

14th FTW Safety Office holds Alive at 25 course

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office held a course in the hopes of fostering safe driving in teens August 29.

“Alive at 25” is a driving course “designed specifically for drivers between ages 15 and 24. The newly revised and updated program can be used to complement a standard driver education course or provide new direction for young drivers who incur traffic violations,” according to the courses website <http://train.nsc.org/ntc/TCALD et01.aspx?id=87>.

Alive at 25 is a National Safety Council program. “I taught this class because I have a son at this critical stage in life and the opportunity to share some of the information I know to those other young people at this critical stage is really what I'm all about,” said Mike Fischer, 14th FTW Safety Office member and the courses instructor. Mr. Fischer said while most of the teenagers were required to attend by

their parents, they said the time flew and they enjoyed the course.

One such student was Ann-Marie Griffis, daughter of E.J. Griffis, 14th FTW School Liaison Officer and Senior Master Sgt. Judy Griffis, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron.

“The time spent, while even on the weekend, was well worth it,” Ms. Griffis said.

Ms. Griffis' father said his daughter learned a lot from the course. “Anne-Marie came away from the course with a greater appreciation and understanding of the rules of the road and plenty of safety tips for her to employ,” Mr. Griffis said. “The scenarios, discussion and the overall program hit home with her.”

Currently, the Alive at 25 course is also taught to each First Term Airman Center class.

For more information on the course, or to inquire about future safety courses, please contact the 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office at 434-2522.

Shoppette Gas Station sells no-ethanol fuel



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger

Customers fill their gas tanks up with fuel at the Shoppette Gas Station Sept. 1. The service stations fuel contains no ethanol.

Attention to Discipline

14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate's Office

In April 2009, a Senior Airman from the 14th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol. For this misconduct, the member received a reduction to the grade of Airman and a reprimand.

In May 2009, an Airman First Class from the 49th Flying Training Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. For this misconduct, the member received a suspended reduction to Airman, restriction to Columbus Air Force Base for 30 days and a reprimand. In July 2009, that punishment was vacated for failure to pay a debt. For this misconduct, the member received a reduction to the grade of Airman.

In May 2009, a Senior Airman from the 14th Communications Squadron received a General Discharge for a failure in the ADAPT program.

In July 2009, a Major from the 48th Flying Training Squadron received an Article 15 for wrongful sexual contact. For this misconduct, the member received a forfeiture of \$500 for two months and a reprimand.

In August 2009, an Airman First Class from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for making a false official statement. For this misconduct, the member received a reduction to the grade of Airman, restriction to Columbus Air Force Base for 30 days and a reprimand.

## Commissary installs new shopping cart corrals



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger  
Shown is a newly-installed cart corral Sept. 1 in the Commissary parking lot. Customers are asked to please use the new cart corrals, which were installed due to a larger number of customers taking their own carts out.

# Free College Prep Software

In cooperation with the Department of Defense (DoD), eKnowledge Corporation, a leading supplier of interactive test preparation products for college entrance exams, along with a group of NFL players, have donated more than \$16 million worth of multimedia SAT/ACT Test Preparation products to service members and their families worldwide.

Now in its fifth year, the eKnowledge/NFL player sponsorship effort has shipped more than 90,000 free SAT/ACT test preparation programs, valued at \$200, to military service members and their families. The eKnowledge SAT and ACT test prep programs come in either a single DVD or two CD-ROM set that include more than eleven hours of high quality

video training/instruction with up to forty hours of student interactive learning participation. The SAT and ACT test prep programs can be used as a stand-alone instruction tool to prepare thoroughly for the SAT and ACT, or as a supplement to other SAT and ACT preparation materials.

Military families interested in receiving free eKnowledge products under this sponsorship can complete an online request form at: <http://eknowledge.com/military> or visit the DoD website for more details at: <http://militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>. Preparation materials can also be requested via e-mail at: [support@eknowledge.com](mailto:support@eknowledge.com) or by calling 951-256-4076.

## Base of preference requests can now be initiated online through vMPF

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials have revamped the Voluntary Assignments Base of Preference Program to allow eligible enlisted members to initiate BOP requests online.

Air Force members from the rank of E-8 and below can now apply for permanent change of station BOP, in-place BOP, or both through the virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site.

Senior Master Sgt. Vaughn Gibson, the Personnel Services Delivery Career Development and Readiness superintendent at AFPC, said the new program will affect about 10,000 Airmen worldwide and provides a re-enlistment incentive for first-term Airmen as well as allow career Airmen to continue their Air Force careers.

According to Sergeant Gibson, the streamlined process will use the vMPF Web site to perform a preliminary check of an Airman's eligibility prior to their submission and automatically update their status in the Military Personnel Data System. Base-level military personnel sections will receive guidance and training on the new process to assist unit members with answering general questions.

The Total Force Service Center in San Antonio will be primarily responsible to assist members with extenuating circumstances accessing vMPF, determining their eligibility requirements and making updates to their information in MilPDS.

After Airmen make their requests through vMPF, AFPC will process their applications and notify members when a decision is made on approving or disapproving their requests. Airmen should allow up to six weeks for AFPC to process their requests.

There are several factors that determine an Airman's eligibility, which are outlined in Air Force Instructions 36-2110 and 36-2626. Some of these eligibility requirements include:

1. A member must have or obtain 24 months retainability within 30 days of receiving the BOP approval notification.
2. Consecutive BOPs in any combination are not authorized. For example, a first-term Airman who receives an in-place BOP cannot then receive a career Airman PCS BOP. They must have an intervening PCS.
3. A Continental United States to overseas, overseas to CONUS and overseas (except for first-term Airmen), and overseas to overseas BOPs are not authorized.
4. There are no limits on the number of BOP applications a member can submit. However, if the request is disapproved and the member remains eligible, the member may immediately resubmit an application for different location(s) or wait six months from the date of disapproval to submit an application for the same location(s).
5. The Air Force Personnel Center Enlisted Assignments

Team is the approval/ disapproval authority.

6. Once a member has volunteered for a BOP, they cannot volunteer for another voluntary assignment program (i.e. EQUAL Plus) until the current BOP application has been approved or disapproved by AFPC/DPAA, or the member withdraws the BOP application.

Once submitted, Airmen should be aware that their BOP applications cannot be changed. If a member desires to change their BOP preference order or location, they must use the "withdraw/cancel voluntary assignment application" option in vMPF to request cancellation. Member may then submit a new BOP application with updated preferences.

The online BOP application process is just one of many AFPC programs that can be accessed electronically through the vMPF Web site. Airmen can also use vMPF to update their assignment preferences, correct military records, verify retirement eligibility, request retraining, and perform other personnel actions. AFPC is continuing to work to improve its processes to ensure more personnel programs are accessible online so Airmen can take care of their individual personnel actions from anywhere in the world 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information on the BOP program or the new online application process, call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

### Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Did you know that tutoring can make the difference between becoming a high school graduate or becoming a high school drop out? Volunteer today as a tutor by calling the Community Volunteer Center at 327-0807.

### Volunteer opportunities

Looking for something to do on Saturdays? Want to get off base from time to time? Sign up as a special events volunteer. Call Meagan at 327-0807 for more information.

### Memorial Blues Festival

The 14th Annual Memorial Blues Festival in West Point, Miss., will be held Friday Sept. 4. For more information or to buy tickets please visit [www.wpnet.org/Howlin\\_Festival.htm](http://www.wpnet.org/Howlin_Festival.htm).

### Prairie Arts Festival

The 31st Annual Prairie Arts Festival will be Sept. 5 in West Point, Miss. An annual tradition since 1978, the festival has been recognized, for the twelfth straight year, as one of the top ten events in the south. The Prairie Arts Festival is

one of the largest arts and crafts festivals in the country, attracting crowds of more than 40,000.

### Former Secretary of Defense Cohen to speak

The community will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with former U.S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, who is set to speak at Mississippi University for Women's Welty Gala on Sept. 24. The event is slated for 7 p.m. in the Mary Ellen Weathersby Pope Banquet Room on campus. A book signing

and question and answer session will follow the program. The Base Community Council has announced it will be underwriting a portion of the cost of tickets for active military personnel at Columbus Air Force Base. A limited number of tickets will be made available to CAFB active military personnel at a reduced cost of \$50 per person. These reduced price tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis, and may be purchased by calling the MUW Office of Development at 329-7148.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Miscellaneous

Custom rims, plus new stock rims. 10" DVD player w PS2. Asking \$24,500. 662-574-7331

**For sale:** 2001 Yamaha 250 motorcycle. Good condition, new tires, new spokes. Runs good. Call 662-386-2180.

**For sale:** Kawasaki 750 jet ski. Excel condition, runs good, stars on first hit. Selling, not a river person. \$1500.00 OBO. 662-356-0792.

### Transportation

**For sale:** Small pool table, \$50; fire-place insert w/glass doors, \$75. Large capacity Maytag washer/dryer, less than two years old cream colored, \$650 OBO. Living room suite dark brown leather, loveseat, couch recliner, all recline, \$1200. Goose Hollow Dining Room set, less than a year old, table with leaf, four black chairs, black w/tan interior, 21k Miles. 22"

**For sale:** 2008 Nissan Pathfinder, black w/tan interior, 21k Miles. 22"

### Homes

**For sale:** 2002 Caledonia Home for Sale. Beautiful Home Only 12 Minutes From Base, Caledonia School

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## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

### Computer Classes

Computer Classes, August 31 – Sept. 10, Intro to Computers & Internet from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and MS Outlook 2007 from 4:15 p.m.-6:15, Open to Active Duty, Family Members, Retirees,

Civil Service, and Contractors. No Cost, limited to eleven seats. Call A&RFC 434-2790 for more info.

### Medical Terminology Class

Medical Terminology starts Sept. 1, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Meets Tuesdays for 8 weeks at A&FRC, Ends Oct. 20. Open to active duty, family members, retirees, civil service, and contractors. Workbooks must be purchased by attendee, cost approx. \$75.00. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Job Fair Tips

"Job Fair Tips" workshop help on Sept. 9 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Workshop on how to effectively work a job fair and how to market yourself. The Golden Triangle Employment Expo (the

State's 3rd largest job fair) will be held Oct. 7 at Pohl Gymnasium, MUW campus. To register call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil) for list of employers visit <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov>

### Pre-separation counseling

Mandatory briefings for personnel separating or retiring need to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. Members may complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 p.m. Takes approximately 30 minutes. Please call 434-2839 or 434-2790 for more information.

### Pre and post deployment tour brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held

### Saturday Yard Sales

**Yard Sale:** 109 N. Butternut drive (oakdale park subdivision) three miles from main gate, turn by Texaco off 45. Garage sale, Saturday Sept. 5, from 7 a.m. to noon, various items, cash only, no early birds please.

### Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

### AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

# Track Select

2nd Lt. Sean G. Bailey	T-1
2nd Lt. Kyle B. Carnahan	T-44
2nd Lt. Jennifer Y. Carter	T-1
2nd Lt. Steven B. Cecil	T-38
2nd Lt. Helder Miguel Almeida Costa	T-38
2nd Lt. Micheal J. DeMaye	T-1
2nd Lt. Antonio DaCosta Silva Ferreira	T-38
2nd Lt. Ryan S. Frost	T-38
2nd Lt. Nathan P. Gavic	T-38
2nd Lt. Mark A. Govea	T-1
2nd Lt. Christina M. Hudson	T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan I. Hughes	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew J. Kubik	T-1
2nd Lt. Thomas G. Leineweber	T-1
2nd Lt. Stephen J. MacNamara	T-38
2nd Lt. Patrick L. Maloney	T-1
2nd Lt. Jason R. Mendez	T-38
2nd Lt. Benjamin K. Miller	T-1
2nd Lt. Nicolas Z. Neely	T-1
2nd Lt. Casey J. Ordoyne	T-1
2nd Lt. Calen E. Pope	T-44
2nd Lt. Lee G. Rinella	T-1
2nd Lt. James N. Simpson	T-38
2nd Lt. Richard P. Stead	UH1
2nd Lt. Clayton S. Ten Eyck	T-44
2nd Lt. Daniel R. Wilkie	T-1



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Leverette  
Award—  
Top T-6  
Graduate**  
2nd Lt. James N.  
Simpson

## 10-07

# Tickets available for 2009 AF Ball

**Capt. Larry Cuculic**  
2009 Air Force Ball  
Committee

Join the 14th Flying Training Wing at the 2009 Air Force Ball, "Legacy of Heroes" Sept. 18 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Miss.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

Tickets are \$30 each for all military and civilian personnel and their guests. The event will include live music from Citizen Kane; a meal selection of crab stuffed flounder, pork tenderloin and/or a vegetarian portabella mushroom stuffed with spinach and tomatoes and an

entertaining ceremony.

The attire is mess dress for officers, semi-formal or mess dress for enlisted, and coat and tie for civilians.

Childcare will be available at the Child Development Center, please contact them directly for registration.

Transportation will depart from the base to the Trotter Center and return to the base at the end of the evening. For more information, contact a unit representative: 2nd Lt. Dajon Demile, Wing Staff Agencies; Capt. Kevin Philips, 14th Operations Group; 2nd Lt. Clint Ormond, 14th Mission Support Group; Capt. Kris Walker, 14th Medical Group.

## New vice chief of staff takes office

WASHINGTON — Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler is the new vice chief of staff of the Air Force, succeeding Gen. William M. Fraser III who held the position since October 2008.

General Chandler comes to the Pentagon after two years of service as commander of Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

The vice chief of staff assists the chief of staff with organizing, training, and equipping of 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. General Chandler also presides over the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group.

General Chandler is a 1974 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and has commanded a major command, numbered air force, two fighter wings, a support group and a fighter squadron. His staff assignments include tours at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, the Pentagon, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia and Headquarters Allied Air Forces Southern Europe.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft. He has received numerous awards for his military service including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Legion of Merit.

## MSF Training Dates

**Capt. Rico Dy**  
14FTW/SE

The recent BLAZE Rider program was a huge success at Columbus AFB. It provided visibility to Riders while educating drivers in our local community. As the Critical Days of Summer draw to a close, we want to remind aspiring motorcyclists of remaining MSF training dates offered by the 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office.

There are two programs offered to Riders – The Basic Rider Course and Experience Rider Course.

The Basic Rider Course (BRC) is designed for beginning riders. Approximately five hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of riding exercises in a controlled environment provide a complete introduction to motorcycling. The

course is offered over a weekend, Saturday and Sunday, approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours.

The Experienced Rider Course (ERC) provides current motorcyclists opportunities for rider education and training. This course is only one day long but you must have BRC training to attend. For more information concerning the MSF courses go to [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org)

Here are the remaining training dates at Columbus AFB:

12 Sept — ERC  
3-4 Oct — BRC  
14 Nov — ERC  
5-6 Dec — BRC

Please contact your Squadron Motorcycle Safety Representative for required forms to sign up for a class. There are only 10 students per class so sign up early.

## Enlisted Promotions ceremony marks next step for Airmen



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan  
Congratulations to Augusts Enlisted Promotions. (Front row, from left to right) Airman 1st Class Scott M. Romero, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Airman 1st Class Elena Stofle, 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocates Office; Senior Airman Amanda Thompson, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Senior Airman Kyle Graves, 14th MDOS; and Senior Airman Audrey Braun, 50th Flying Training Squadron. (Back row, left to right) Senior Airman Jason Kislow, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Airman Clayton Stocker, 14th SFS; Tech. Sgt. Lanelle Scott, 14th MDOS; Master Sgt. Gary Chipps, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Master Sgt. David DeRamus, 14th SFS; and Master Sgt. Milan Gerber, 14th Operations Group.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED



As of press time, 46 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

### AIRMAN

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work. He also said Airman Wheeler was a strong and loyal person.

Master Sgt. Steve Doll, 14th SFS superintendent, echoed Sergeant Noble's statements.

"Mark served with honor and integrity," he said before retiring Airman Wheeler's badge.

Chaplain (Capt.) William Logan, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel, offered words of wisdom and reassur-

ance at the ceremony also.

"Our hearts go out to any who greave with us today, especially those of his family and his brothers and sisters in his unit," the chaplain said.

Airman Wheeler enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in July 2008. Airman Wheeler arrived at Columbus AFB in March of this year.

The incident which caused Airman Wheeler's death is currently under investigation.

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## Sports Shorts

**National Bowling Week:** National Bowling Weeks is Aug. 29 to Sep. 5 – A special every day of this week – Monday is kids, ages 12 and under, bowl free all day long, Tuesday is League Signs Ups., Wednesday – bring in your bowling equipment for a free check up and cleaning, Thursday is Bowl one game and get one free bowling, Friday is Cosmic bowling for \$1.50 per game and Saturday help set the world record for bowling. A Free T-shirt and certificate to participants while supplies last. For more information, call 434-3426.

**Commanders Cup Championship:** Here's your chance to challenge your rival squadron to a competition on the golf course. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees for this four person scramble Sept. 25. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Register by noon Sept. 24. For more information, call 434-7932.

## Misawa Airmen rescue Japanese citizen

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Eight Airmen from Misawa AB saved the life of a Japanese citizen Aug. 15 when they pulled him away from a house and car that were engulfed in flames.

Approximately 15 minutes into their return trip, they noticed a car buried in a house and the wreckage aflame. Through the inferno they saw a motionless body was seen lying next to the burning car. Not willing to leave a person in such a state, the Airmen took action.

"When we arrived at the scene of the accident, we heard someone say, there's a guy hurt out there," said Airman 1st Class Aaron Lauer, a 35th Maintenance Operations Squadron production analyst.

After pulling the limp victim to safety, Tech. Sgt. Rory Stark, a 35th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, and Senior Airman Thomas Sullivan, a 35th Medical Support Squadron shipping section supervisor, along with five other Airmen, put their Air Force training into practice. Together they determined the full extent of his injuries and rendered the appropriate life-saving techniques.



Courtesy photo  
A car driven by a Japanese citizen crashed into a house and burst into flames Aug. 15 in Towada, Japan. Eight Airmen from Misawa Air Base assisted in rescuing the driver of the vehicle.

"The bus ride home was a somber one," Staff Sgt. Anthony Germany, a 35th Maintenance Squadron avionics intermediate section production supervisor said. "Everything was moving so quick, I think the training we received from the Air Force really came in handy. If I was lying next to a car injured, I would want people to stop and help me."

### Long Term Events

Sept. 22 - Hearts Apart  
Sept. 22 - OSC Social  
Sept. 25 - Fun Run  
Sept. 25 - Wing Commander's Cup Golf Challenge  
Sept. 25 - 10-08 Track Select

Sept. 26 - Retiree Appreciation Day  
Sept. 29 - Newcomers Orientation  
Sept. 29 - Wing Commander's Call  
Sept. 29 - Enlisted Promotions Lunch  
Oct. 1 - International Spouses  
Oct. 1 - Daedalians  
Oct. 2 - 09-15 Graduation

## DynCorp wins Intramural Softball Championship



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
Members of the DynCorp Softball Team stand and celebrate about their victory in the Intramural Softball championships Sept. 1. DynCorp defeated the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron 17-12. The 14th Security Forces Squadron was also a finalist.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
7	8	9	10	11	12/13
TN Williams Tribute and tour of Victorian Homes	OSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club	N.A.R.F.E. Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	United Way "Day to Care" Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.	Columbus Idol Competition, 6 p.m. @ Club	Blaze Race Experienced Riders Course Gourmet Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Club
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
Night Flying Week	Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m.	Hispanic Heritage Food Tasting, 4:30 p.m. @ Chapel Annex ALS Graduation, 6:30 p.m. @ Club	09-15 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	POW/MIA Retreat/Flyover, 3 p.m. @ Smith Plaza AF Ball, 6 p.m. @ Trotter Convention Center	